Readings, references and resources from ConFusion 2021

Monday panels and lectures

Sherlock Holmes (Ali Baker)

Ali Baker (moderator), Aliette de Bodard, David Carlile, Nik Vincent, Fran Dowd

The Tea-Master and the Detective, Aliette de Bodard

The Case of the Scented Lady, Nik Vincent, in *Further Associates of Sherlock Holmes,* ed. George Mann

Hagar of the Pawn Shop, Fergus Hume

Miss Sherlock (TV) – available from Amazon Prime in the UK

Doctor Who – DC discussed the Fourth Doctor whose costume at times echoed Holmes' deerstalker and caped Ulster coat, and the Master as a Moriarty figure

Arsene Lupin, the Gentleman Thief, Maurice Leblanc, particularly the stories featuring "Herlock Shomes"

The Irregulars (TV) – available from Netflix UK

The Adventure of the Speckled Band – Arthur Conan Doyle

The Adventure of the Creeping Man – Arthur Conan Doyle

The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle

Judge Dee (Di Renjie) starting with The Celebrated Cases of Judge Dee (Dee Gong'An),"Buti zhuanren," trans. Robert van Gulik

Madame Vastra from Doctor Who. Big Finish, the audio drama company, has produced stories about Mme Vastra, Jenny and Strax solving supernatural crimes.

Sexton Blake, also a Baker St consulting detective

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes with Jeremy Brett as the archetypal Holmes (in my opinion) (TV) – streaming on Britbox

Elementary (TV) – we particularly liked the character of Joan Watson – streaming on Amazon Prime

Rivals of Sherlock Holmes, collected by Nick Rennison

Crowdfunding and the growth of indie games (John Coxon)

Ed Fortune, Joss Kl, Kol Ford, John Coxon, Marcus Rowland

Jonaya Kemper is an amazing designer, writer and creator! Honestly, back everything they do, buy everything they do: https://www.patreon.com/VioletRiotGames

Larpfund makes international larps more accessible to people from all backgrounds. http://larpfund.org/

Artefact and Bucket of Bolts are neat little indie games by Mousehole Press that John and Ed enjoy: https://mouseholepress.itch.io/artefact and https://bucket-of-bolts.backerkit.com/hosted_preorders

Darkest Dice was recommended by Marcus Rowland: https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/darkestdice/darkest-dice

Grant Howitt is making fantastic micro RPGs on Patreon: https://www.patreon.com/gshowitt

MCDM (Matt Colville) is making a zine called Arcadia which Ed recommended: https://www.mcdmproductions.com/

Panellist Joss KL designed Turris and took it to Kickstarter, and you can back here: https://turris.backerkit.com/hosted_preorders

Sunday panels and lectures

Dominion: Bridging Worlds and Beyond (Zi Graves)

Geoff Ryman, Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, Nicole Givens-Kurtz, Tobi Ogundiran

Anthologies: *Slayer... Stories of Noir, Wole Talabi Anthology, Black Magic Women anthology, Black Cranes Tales of Unquiet Women, Sword and Soul anthologies...*

Authors to look out for: *David Mojo Godhunter, Suyi Davies Okungbowa, Dilman Dila FUTURE GOD OF LOVE, Tochi Onyebuchi, Milton Davis.... anything.*

Other books: *Here Sits His Ignominy, At Kill Three Birds, Silenced, The Girl with the Louden Voice, Mothership from Rosaruium (Any titles from Rosarium Publishing http://rosariumpublishing.com/)*

Viewer Question: any comics that you especially recommend*? Tatasge from Conic Republic, Lake of Tears from Ghana, Changa's Safari by Milton Davis, Sisters of the woods by Milton Davis, Kugali, Comic Republic, UNeek, Malika warriror Queen...*

Places to find new recommendations: *Squid Magazine & African Science Fiction And Fantasy Reading Group (facebook), The State of Black Science Fiction on FB*

Other recs: *Ojuju, Hello Rain The Movie*

Fanfic through the lens of classical reception studies (Anne-Louise Fortune)

Hester Parr

Author's transcript at AO3

Saturday panels and lectures

There's My Hoverboard! Living in the Future (Caroline Mullan / Jan van't Ent)

Caroline Mullan, Verity Allan, Jim Anderson, Ian Green

Toolmaker Koan by John C. McLoughlin
Makers and *Walkaway* by Cory Doctorow
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
Foundation by Isaac Asimov
The Shockwave Rider by John Brunner
The Water Knife and *The Windup Girl* by Paulo Bacigalupi
The Lords of the Psychon by Daniel Galouye
Culture books by Iain M. Banks (no specific title mentioned)
And - thinking about Ian's Kindle... *Stars in My Pockets Like Grains of Sand* by Samuel R. Delany

Working Class Heroes (Farah Mendlesohn)

Farah Mendlesohn, Ali Baker, Stewart Hotston, Charlie Stross, Ken MacLeod

Courttia Newland, A River Called Time

Hilary Mantel, Beyond Black
Eleen Lee, Liquid Crystal Nightingale
Michael Swanwick, The Iron Dragon's Daughter
Simon Morden, Gallowglass
Temi Oh, Do you Dream of Terra Two
Homer Hickam Jr. Rocket Boys
1632, Eric Flint.SM Stirling
Nalo Hopkinson, New Moons Arms
Philip Reeve, Railhead
Elizabeth Hand, Waking the Moon
Helen Wecker, The Golem and the Djinni,
Nathan Lowell, The Quarter Share books,

Liz Wiliams Precious Dragon (fantasy) and
Nine Layers of Sky (SFF)
Kari Sperring The Grass King's Concubineb
Tricia Sullivan, Maul
Oisin McGann, Small Minded Giants (YA)
BB Alston, Amari and the Night Brothers -upper end of middle grade and lower YA

➢ Also see blogon unions in SF; http://hugoclub.blogspot.com/2021/03/witches-of-world-unite.html
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Going Medieval: How Pop Culture Reflects the Past (Anne-Louise Fortune)

Paul Sturtevant

Last Kingdom
Kingdom of Heaven
Vikings (TV Series)
Beowulf
13th Warrior (with Antonio Banderas)
A Knight's Tale (movie, 2001)
The Public Medievalist – the website founded by
Paul: https://www.publicmedievalist.com/
Queen – We Will Rock You
Geoffrey Chaucer
Ulrich von Liechtenstein
The Peasant's Revolt and Wat Tyler
Sword in the Stone
Game of Thrones (specifically, Season 8 of the TV series)
The Medici Family
Lord of the Rings (both the books and the films)
Monty Python and the Holy Grail (1975) – and Terry Jones
Lancelot du Lac – search 'Lancelot du Lac trailer' on YouTube – the film is in French, many of the clips have subtitles in other languages.
Quentin Tarantino
Camelot (musical)
Spamalot (stage musical)
Errol Flynn in *The Adventures of Robin Hood*
Excalibur

Complete academic abstracts
(Anne-Louise Fortune)

Recordings of academic talks on external sites
(Anne-Louise Fortune)

Francis Gene-Rowe has recorded their paper, "Just Because You're Paranoid Doesn't Mean You Can't Have Fun: Generative Play in Dystopian Times". The link is here: https://surrey.cloud.panopto.eu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=098f3312-00b0-408d-b30f-ad0000ed7ccf

Maciej Matuszewski's talk 'String Theory Made Easy', can be viewed via this link: https://durhamuniversity.zoom.us/rec/share/uvSuKkFr1k_tZbnuLEVUlW9k6BWCoUQXxomUfRpGLjbr3qpr8vy3mBV_Vcmj0x3P.sanuWP0suPVENUuQ